

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2399
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2023

TRIBAL COOPERATIVES

2399. SHRIMATI HIMADRI SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the supply chain and market linkages of tribal cooperatives and the results achieved therefrom?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) is a Multi-State Cooperative Society under the aegis of Ministry of Tribal Affairs. One of the primary objectives of TRIFED is to promote marketing of tribal produce / products through strengthening supply chain and providing market linkages for their procurement and sale. The Ministry provides grant-in-aid to TRIFED to fulfill these objectives under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) scheme. As a part of this effort, an amount of INR 319.65 crores has been released to the State Governments as revolving funds for procurement of notified Minor Forest Produce (MFPs), INR 89.16 crores have been released for strengthening infrastructure like Haat Bazaars, storage godowns etc. and INR 587.36 crores have been sanctioned for setting up of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) over the years. In addition, a part of the grant-in-aid has been utilized by TRIFED for procurement of tribal products for their marketing through online and offline platforms. Due to these efforts, the State Governments have so far procured MFPs worth INR 622.18 crores using the revolving funds provided by the Ministry along with their own contributions. 3958 VDVKs have been set up which have realized a sale of INR 41.02 crores and TRIFED has made a procurement of tribal products worth INR 123.02 crores and recorded a sale of INR 172.55 crores since 2019-20.
